

Specification Amendments

Please amend paragraphs [0019], [0021], [0024], and [0028] as follows:

[0019] FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view of the handle shown in FIG. 4 and taken along ~~lines A-A~~ lines 5-5.

[0021] Referring specifically to ~~FIGS. 3, 4 and 5, the~~ FIGS. 3, 4 and 5, the handle 12 has an inner, relatively incompressible core 18 made of a moldable nonelastomeric material and a relatively compressible layer 20 molded around the inner core 18 and having a relatively high degree of friction. The layer 20 is made from a moldable elastomeric material allowing for ample compression leading to security of the grip by the user while not requiring an excessive force. Accordingly, when gripped, the layer 20 tends to compress and, thus, to conform to the natural contour of the surface of the fingertips to provide a reliable contact between the handle 12 and the user. As a result, the handle 12 can be reliably held in a desired position, in which the razor blade unit 15 is oriented at an optimal shaving angle with respect to the surface of skin.

[0024] An array of axially spaced fins 40 is formed on each of the continuous inner regions 38 and extends laterally outwardly therefrom. Each fin 40 has a progressively decreasing depth as the fin 40 extends inward from the continuous top segment 34 of the layer 20 to the seat 28 of the base 30. An outer surface 41 of the fins 40 is preferably flushed with an outer surface 44 of the ~~bases~~ base 30.

[0028] The fins 40 can be arranged in two continuous rows 50 extending along opposite lateral segments 36 of the layer 20, as shown in FIG. 3. Alternatively, as shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, the fins 40 can be arranged along each lateral segment 36 in multiple groups, for example two groups 52 and 54, separated from one another along the axis A-A (FIG. 2) by a indentation 56. The fins 40 constituting each of the groups 52, 54 are each shaped and dimensioned in accordance with the inventive range of the aspect ratio D: T, as disclosed above. The indentation 56 is spaced from a front end 60 of the layer 20 at a distance between one-third (1/3) and one-half (1/2) of the entire length L of the handle 12 and can be

provided with ribs 58. It is possible to provide a top 62 (FIGS. 1, 2 and 3) of the handle 12 with the fins 40 (not shown) shaped and sized in accordance with the inventive range of aspect ratio D:T. Alternatively, the top 62 can have various projections 64 (FIG. 1 and 3) enhancing the grip on the handle.